non-existence of the branch channel. Confusion in the accounts and anxiety to tax-payers are the outcome of the above procedure. The outstanding arrears on account of the above step may be written off the accounts and the unjust recoveries ordered to be refunded to the parties concerned.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner is enquiring into the matter and his report will be awaited.

Subject No. 397.

Restoration of State Forests to District Forests.

Mr. Nanjappa of Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The forests of ten villages in this Taluk had been classed as District Forest for the benefit of the raiyats. But now only four of the above are left as District Forest reserving the rest to the State Forest. There are no trees in the present District Forest set apart for the use of the above villagers who are therefore put to much trouble on account of agricultural implements required for their use as the same are not available there. It is therefore requested that all the forests of the six villages reserved for the State Forest, be restored to the District Forest in addition to the jungles of the other 4 villages.

Reply of Government.—The settlement was effected after due enquiry. No disafforestation can be sanctioned.

Subject No. 398.

Not to reserve the jungle proposed to be reserved in the Kakankote Forest and to remove some kind of trees from the list of classified trees.

Mr. M Subba Rao of the Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—No agricultural implements could be had from the trees left for the use of raiyats other than classified trees. It is therefore requested that out of the classified trees the following kinds may be excluded in the interest of the raiyat population: Dindlu, Banni, Kaggali, Belijala Gobbale, Tadasala, Godda, Gumachi and other kinds.

The representation made in this behalf last year was referred to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore for enquiry and report, the whole of the District jungle in the Kakankote forest has been demarcated to be included into the State Forest. If this is done, the raiyats of the adjoining villages would suffer much on account of pasture lands required for their cattle. It is therefore solicited that the same may not be included in the State Forest.

Reply of Government.—The Forest Settlement Officer will no doubt see that the requirements of the villages affected are adequately provided for before any portion of the District Forest is finally declared as State Forest. Wait till the settlement is effected. Further reduction of classified trees cannot be made.

Subject No. 399.

Concession to Entahalli raiyats.

Mr. M. Subba Rao of Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats of the 10 villages of Entahalli live on the frontier of Malabar and Mysore growing only some wet crop from rain and spring water. They have no other lands such as dry, gomal, kharab and District jungle. The Forest Department have subsequently

demarcated a line proposing to include into the State Forest the area consisting of the above villagers' dwelling houses with hittals and also removed all fruit bearing and plantain trees existing thereon. The above raiyats are further put to much trouble by being asked that they should not trespass into the demarcated line and by being entirely deprived of the privileges of getting fuel and agricultural implements from the forest for their use, and of taking their cattle to graze there. After some correspondence in this matter the Conservator of Forests in Mysore informed the raiyats that orders have been issued to the local officers concerned not to impound their cattle. But the Sub-Assistant Conservator and the District Forest Officer are not pleased to act up to his orders. What the raiyats now pray for is that according to "Mamul" some mufat lands may be allotted to them for grazing purposes and further they be allowed to remove fuel and agricultural implements from the Government forest.

Reply of Government.—May be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 400.

Seigniorage on firewood removed from occupied lands

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Gargeswari, T. Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department now levies a seigniorage of 4 annas for a cart-load of firewood removed to Mysore from occupied lands in the T. Narsipur Taluk. The Taluk authorities say that no free pass is prescribed therefor. The certificate given by the village patel and shanbhog to the effect that the removal of such firewood was from occupied lands is of no avail. It is therefore requested that no fee be levied on such firewood carts.

Reply of Government.—Printed chits have been sent to taluks for distribution among village patels. The Conservator of Forests will be asked to give effect to the order of Government, and see that the orders are properly enforced.

Subject No. 401.

Opening a Depot at Melkote for supplying fuel, etc.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—There is a Forest Ranger at Melkote. It is proposed that a Forest Depot be opened under his supervision for supplying fuel and teak and other kinds of wood. The want of fuel is very much felt at Melkote which contains 3,000 population.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done. It is the business of middlemen to supply materials at the doors of consumers. If there is any considerable demand for firewood and timber, private enterprise may be trusted to meet it.

Subject No. 402.

Removal of Padakhanas from inside the Mysore City.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. S. Ranga Iengar, Madappa and Nantharajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Padakhanas or Toddy shops may be removed from inside the Mysore City.

Reply of Government.—This is not practicable.